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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers 17555 Peak Avenue **Senior Advisory Committee**

Chair Gloria Subocz
Vice-Chair Susan Fent
Committee Member Keith Cram
Committee Member Staten Johnston
Committee Member Jeannette Riley

Committee Member Vacant Vacant Vacant

Parks & Recreation

Commission Liaison Jeff Bernardini

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Subocz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

None Absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Committee Member Riley

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE & CAG MEETING REVIEW

Senior Center Director Wyman

Ms. Wyman reported the winter menu is in place for the Nutrition Program. Ms. Wyman worked with a dietician to develop the menu. Committee Member Riley forwarded a comment from a community member that the menu might be too salty. Ms. Wyman responded no salt is used in the preparation of the food and that certain meals may be saltier than others, such as corned beef.

Committee Member Cram suggested the menu be published in the Morgan Hill Times like the school menu. Ms. Wyman will contact the Morgan Hill Times.

Vice Chair Fent suggested the language in the Senior Center newsletter which describes the Senior Advisory Committee as a body which "connects" seniors to services be removed. She stated the Community Action Group provides referrals to services. Ms. Wyman will make the appropriate corrections.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Commission Member Bernardini

Jeff Bernardini was not present.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Fent

Vice Chair Fent reported the VTA issues remain. She added the Council on Aging transportation committee voted unanimously to change the community plan but the VTA has ignored this. Individuals from the committee will meet individually with VTA representatives, including the new director and VTA board member Mayor Kennedy.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

CAG Representative

A CAG representative was not present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2005

Member Cram made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Johnston seconded the motion. Minutes approved (4:0). Vice Chair Fent was not present for vote.

2. APPROVAL OF GLORIA SUBOCZ AS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SUSAN FENT AS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

Member Johnston made a motion to approve appointments. Member Cram seconded the motion. Motion approved (4:0). Vice Chair Fent was not present for vote.

BUSINESS

3. SIDEWALK ACCESS FOR SENIORS

Recommended Action: Information Item. Mori Struve, Public Works, will provide information on sidewalk accessibility.

Public Works Deputy Director Mori Struve asked for input from the committee on the type of information they sought. Committee Member Johnston provided information on the presentation he conducted at the August meeting. He asked Mr. Struve how and if the city will make improvements to sidewalks and pathways for seniors and handicapped individuals who do not have access to or chose not to travel by automobile. He also described several locations downtown where the sidewalk is blocked by signs. Mr. Struve responded sidewalk signs require an encroachment permit which is issued by the Public Works Department and all signage is regulated by the Planning Division. He suggested Code Enforcement should conduct an inspection of this area.

Committee Member Johnston will provide Mr. Struve with his questions in writing. Vice Chair Fent thanked Committee Member Johnston for bringing this issue to the attention of the Committee.

Staff Balagso read an email from Karl Bjarke, Public Works Deputy Director, which stated the city is aware of the need for a sidewalk on the north side of Dunne Avenue between Del Monte and Peak Avenue. However, there is no funding for the project at this time and the slope of the hill complicates the project.

4. INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Information Item. Mori Struve will provide an update on the construction of the Indoor Recreation Center.

Mr. Struve passed out pictures of the construction of the Indoor Recreation Center. He reported construction as of July is 10% complete. The project is on-time and remains within budget. Project Manager Glenn Ritter can be contacted if anyone is interested in taking a tour of the site. The Center is scheduled to open on September 6 2006.

Committee Member Johnston asked the status of the Senior Nutrition Program. Mr. Struve responded the details of the program have not been decided. The Committee requested that either Julie Spier, Special Assistant to the City Manager or Rod Cooper, Interim Recreation & Community Services Manager attend the October meeting to provide a status report on the program. Ms. Wyman added the YMCA is willing to operate the program in the new Center, but has not been invited by the city to remain as the program operator.

Staff Balagso stated the city funds the senior nutrition program and senior activities at the YMCA: 1) \$60,000 for the Senior Nutrition Program; 2) \$15,000 for senior programs and activities.

5. SAC WORKPLAN

Recommended Action: Action Item: Members will review the SAC Work plan.

No discussion of item.

6. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE - SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Item. Provide legislative update for September 2005 in the agenda packet.

The Committee received the newsletter in their agenda packets. No discussion of items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Balagso reported the request to change the reporting relationship and purview of the Committee will be on the September 7, 2005 City Council agenda. Members of the Committee discussed attending the meeting to show support for the approval of this request.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Status of Senior Nutrition Program at Indoor Recreation Center – October Agenda Response to Member Johnston's questions by Mori Struve – October Agenda

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting on October 4, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill.

Member Cram made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Fent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.